

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:      Wilson-MacDonald et al.      Date:      August 23, 2006  
Application No.:      10/790,033      Examiner:      J. Kim  
Filing Date:      March 2, 2004      Group Art Unit:      3733  
Title:      ORTHOPAEDICS DEVICE AND SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Sir:

The applicants herewith petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated February 23, 2006 in the above-identified application for three months, from May 23, 2006 to and including August 23, 2006. The Director is authorized to charge the petition fee of \$ 510.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to Deposit Account 50-1561. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 50-1561.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 has previously been claimed.

In response to the Office Action, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: